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Homeless Trailers Being Readied at 27 & Eye

In mid-January work was started in earnest at the site near 27th and Eye Street for the placement of trailers to shelter homeless persons by the D.C. Government. The space selected is just to the rear of the buildings at 27th & Eye Streets. Two of the buildings are homes owned by Betty Zellers and the late Edward Blomquist. The other building is owned by Ruby Barnhard and is occupied by her real estate office and by Sandra Vonetes' flower shop. The trailers are to be placed within 15 yards of these buildings, despite the presence of blocks of vacant land nearby.

Reportedly Ms. Barnhard Ellen Pohle, was on a U.S. team a hearing is scheduled for Friday, January 26, in Federal Court in Washington.

Seven trailers are at the site. One is intended as a "receiving" facility with showers, and the other six are sleeping trailers, with chairs, toilets, sinks and 18 bunk beds. Electricity and sewer hookups are being made; an 8-ft. wood privacy fence will be erected to the south and a chain link fence to the north of the trailer area. Installers on the site indicated the trailers are usually leased for a year or more.

MARTHA CLARA RODECK

January 7, 1888 - January 6, 1990

On January 7th Mrs. Rodeck would have been 102 years old. I had planned to write a Happy Birthday article on her, but the Lord had other plans. She died the day before her birthday and a few weeks before this issue of The News was to come out.

In 1988 the District honored 34 Centenarians at The Mayflower Hotel; she was one so honored.

Mrs. Rodeck was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and lived there until moving to Italy and Austria. She was a portrait painter, a tournament tennis player and an alpine skier, among other things.

I had missed her sitting on the porch and wondered about her (we used to wave and smile at

each other as I passed the home of her daughter, Melita, at the corner of 25th and H). So when I saw a nurse leaving one day, I inquired about her and found out that she was doing just fine, but was slowing down a bit.

One day I stopped by and she was napping, so I stopped again and found her receiving guests. She was so bright and chipper and we talked of many things . . . her husband, Armin, whose picture was on the wall facing her — with a hat on which she regretted — but liked the picture. I said that the one my family liked best of my father was one that he was wearing a hat too. She smiled a twinkling smile indicating that

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Foggy Bottom Resident To Describe Volunteer Mission in Armenia

A Foggy Bottom resident, Ellen Pohle, was on a U.S. team which rebuilt health facilities in Armenia this summer. Pohle, an eight-year resident of the area, and nine other Americans, formed the Ploughshares Partners Project team, a volunteer relief work effort in earthquake-devastated Armenia. Ploughshares is a Seattle-based peace organization.

Ploughshares worked with the Soviet Peace Fund, headed by chess champion Anatoly Karpov, to organize the two-month project which also brought ten Soviet volunteers to the U.S. later in the summer.

In late June the American team met its Soviet counterpart in Moscow and traveled to Armenia to aid in reconstruction of a hospital. In August, the entire team reunited in Yakima, Washington, to build houses for the homeless, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. Founded by former president Jimmy Carter, Habitat for Humanity has organized many projects to aid the homeless in the U.S.

The five-man, five-woman American team ranged in age from 22-71; most have construction experience and have done community and volunteer work. Eight members speak Russian, and the majority has also traveled to the Soviet Union. Their next project is scheduled for October 1990 in Ethiopia.

Pohle currently manages a D.C. residential renovation project in conjunction with an architect.



Ellen Pohle, center, with an Armenian friend and American co-worker during 1989 earthquake project.

Foggy Bottom Association MEETING

Speaker:
Ellen Pohle

8:00 P.M. Monday
January 29, 1990

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

ANC Highlights

by Chris Lamb

November 14, 1989

1. Statehood Presentation: Representatives from the D.C. Statehood Commission made a presentation on current statehood efforts and the election of "shadow" U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative currently scheduled for fall, 1990. Citizens of the District of Columbia voted in 1980 to conduct elections to elect two Senators and one U.S. Representative once the state constitution has been ratified. These elected individuals, referred to as shadow representatives because of their inability to actually participate in Congressional affairs, could work full time for D.C. Statehood. No funding for the representatives has been appropriated to date although the Statehood Commission recently forwarded a proposed budget to the D.C. Council that would provide operating funds and salaries for these positions in the FY 1991 budget.

2. Boston Properties at 24th and N, NW: The ANC drafted a letter to be read to the Fine Arts Commission stating its opposition to the Boston Properties project at 24th and N, NW. The building would be a mixture of office and residential units. The ANC letter states that the size of the building is inappropriate; the original proposal was for townhouses which the ANC supported; and the north side of the property is zoned for low scale development.

3. Zoning Commission Rulings (11/13/89): The Zoning Commission rejected the Pedas Brothers' proposed building in the 2100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue because community amenities were insufficient and the building was too big.

The Zoning Commission rejected proposed modifications to the house on 2530 I Street, NW. The owner, Mr. Steinfield, wanted to add an addition to his home which is in the Foggy Bottom Historic District.

4. George Washington University Hospital: George Washington University is look-

ing into the feasibility of a new hospital wing in the parking lot across the street from its present location at 24th and I, NW. The new wing is part of GW's Master Plan and would be connected to the existing building through an underground corridor. The intent of the expansion would not be to increase staff or services but to give appropriate space to existing functions.

JANUARY 9, 1990

1. Election of Officers for 1990: Charles Clapp was elected Chairman of ANC-2A for 1990, replacing Richard Palco who will serve as 1st Vice Chairman. Ralph Rosenbaum was elected 2nd Vice Chairman, Sue Schumacher will continue as Treasurer and Bevery Sklover will continue as Secretary.

2. ABC Application of the UNKAI Corporation: UNKAI is a D.C. corporation formed to operate a Japanese restaurant at 1250 24th Street in the 1st floor of the building. It is a subsidiary of a Japanese corporation which also owns the Westin Hotel, and plans a restaurant of a high quality with a capacity to seat 144 people and which will only serve beverages with meals (lunch and dinner). The ANC unanimously approved a resolution supporting the ABC application.

3. Certificate of Need Application: The ANC unanimously approved a resolution to support a certificate of need application for the Columbia Hospital for Women to install a new sprinkler system. The sprinkler system does not affect the outside of the building. Jim Woodward, spokesman for the hospital, also stated that they are trying to get Congressional approval to purchase the land from GSA at 24th and M, NW for \$10 M.

4. Hamilton House Tenants Resolution: Four years ago Peter Sharp and Company purchased the Hamilton House which is located at 1255 New Hampshire Ave., NW. The owner attempted to obtain a 35% hardship rent increase but the proposal was rejected. The tenants believe that in retaliation

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the owner attempted to close their parking garage but was prevented by a temporary injunction. The owner has now proposed an increase in the monthly parking fees from \$100.00/month to \$250/month. The ANC unanimously passed a resolution condemning the actions of Peter Sharp and Company for a) attempting to close the garage; and b) attempting to circumvent the rent control laws by imposing large increases in parking fees.

5. 1272 New Hampshire Ave., NW: Across from the Hamilton House on 1272 New Hampshire Avenue, a home is being subdivided into several condominium units. The house has a historic landmark designation but during construction changes have been made to the exterior without prior ANC or Zoning Commission approval. The owner has agreed to implement changes to preserve the historic character of the house. The ANC unanimously passed a resolution supporting these changes.

6. 2100 Block of Pennsylvania Avenue: In January, the Zoning Commission approved a plan by the Pedas Brothers to develop the 2100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The proposed building will have 637,000 square feet. Community amenities were amended to include \$250,000 for the neighborhood, \$1.5 M for public housing in the District, and \$18 M for an arts theater. The money for the Foggy Bottom neighborhood will be for a) renovating the park next to the School Without Walls (\$50,000); and b) legal support for the West End Apartments (\$200,000).

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Letters

Re: Monday Recorder Group

We are preparing to start yet another recorder class for beginners in Foggy Bottom. This beginners' class will begin on February 5 and last about four months. The class will meet at 8:00 on Monday nights at The United Church, 20th & G Streets, N.W.

Our beginners' class will be open to people who have no musical experience. The graduates of this class will be invited to continue as members of MRG — in a more advanced playing section. Class dues will be only \$3 per month. The class will be a very effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable way for your readers to learn to play a delightful musical instrument.

Foggy Bottom News readers who want to find out more about our class are invited to call me at 863-0279 or Virginia Singer at 265-9210.

Robert B. Johnson
Director, MRG

I appreciated the short item, "A GOOD HABIT," in a recent Foggy Bottom News issue, making an appeal [to readers] to pick up one piece of litter per day.

This is my second letter re litter. I make the appeal to pick up two pieces per day. What a difference this would make in our neighborhood!

I recently returned from Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Seoul, Taipei and Hong Kong are very congested cities. But no litter anywhere.

While in Seoul I visited Ewha Women's University. Although there are 16,000 students, the campus was completely free of litter.

Did you pick up your two pieces of litter today? I did. I picked up six pieces.

Let's get with it.

M. Marian Wood

Re: Snow Removal from Sidewalks

During December, I observed two nearly serious accidents when senior citizens slipped on uneven, iced-over pavements at the corner of 24th and K Streets, N.W. As a result, I was moved to discuss with an attorney colleague the possible liability of property owners and tenants in the event of injury to a pedestrian who might fall on a sidewalk from which snow or ice had not been removed.

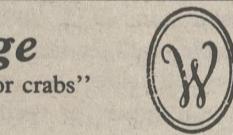
Chapter 9 of the D.C. Statutes sets out legal obligations for "Removal of Snow and Ice." As you will note in § 7-901, any person or entity "in charge or control of any building or lot of land . . . fronting or abutting a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise . . . is responsible for

removal of snow and/or ice from the adjacent sidewalk within 8 hours of daylight. Moreover, § 7-904 requires that when snow, sleet and ice cannot be removed without damage to the pavement, the responsible party "shall, within the first 8 hours of daylight after the same has formed, make reasonably safe for travel . . . by the sprinkling of sand or ashes thereon, said sidewalks, and as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit, thoroughly clean said sidewalks." (Emphasis added.)

While the District does not appear to enforce these provisions on any regular basis, my colleague assures me that this does not absolve owners, tenants, etc. from legal liability in the event of personal injury due to accidents on sidewalks from which they failed to remove sleet, snow and ice in a timely manner.

I know you and the Foggy Bottom News are well aware that the objective is to prevent accidents by ensuring that the sidewalks are safe, particularly for older residents, and that legal action is not a substitute for citizen responsibility. Nevertheless, a reminder of their legal liability might prompt some owners and tenants to be more attentive to snow and ice removal as a routine matter, as well as alert others of their rights in the event of injury from dangerous sidewalks.

Lindsay M. Robinson



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Biz Buzz

by Betty Olsen

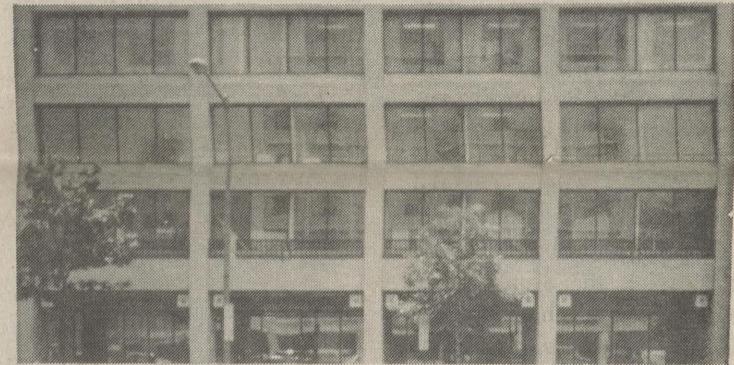
Call The Arts Club of Washington, housed in the James Monroe House at Monroe Park, if you would like to become a member of this active organization. The telephone numbers are 331-7282/7283. It's right in Foggy Bottom and is an organization to enjoy membership in for the new year.

Franklin King is slated to open up a Gourmet Shop in the new Monroe building on the corner which joined with the Arts Club in their renovation in exchange for building privileges.

European in feel and the atmosphere is one that will linger, making you remember to go again and again . . . very intimate with sparkling stemware and white cloths. The menu is very continental and the service is splendid from appetizers through dessert. Make it a must for the New Year.

How many of the freebies did you enjoy at The Kennedy Center during Christmas? There was something going on all the time there for your pleasure and so easy to get to front row center right in Foggy Bottom.

Glance to your right at the new digs of the Group Health Association on Pennsylvania Avenue. They are in full swing in the new building owned by



King's Gourmet Shop is to open sometime in the spring.

King is the chef under Robert Paulin, General Manager of the Arts Club of Washington and formerly with Watergate. King invites you to call the Gourmet Shop in the A.M. and pick up your prepared gourmet dinner in the P.M. Before serving, heat up, and Voila! There will also be salads for take-home enjoyment.

Welcome new advertiser "Hotel Lombardy." The Lombardy is a small hotel with BIG ways. The dining room is very

GWU at 2100 Penn. Ave.

Sorry about the carriage rides being called off at the last minute by 2000 Penn. Seems like an animal activist group showed up threatening to picket if the carriage rides went on schedule as advertised. I somehow thought that horses through the centuries were used to pull carts, buggies, sleigh, "whatever" and giving pleasure and purpose for their existence. At least they wouldn't have to go to a gym somewhere to get their exercise.



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Yesterday

By Betty Olsen

(Can you guess whose "yesterday" is featured today? Answer is on last page of the FB News.)

Forty two years ago . . . this woman was in the WAC (Women's Army Corps) at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, which was the first WAC Training Center in the United States. The Center trained women and then assigned them to various army bases in the states or overseas. This photograph was taken during the period she was a First



Sergeant and permanent personnel.

All of this time her company clerk (secretary) and she were very close friends and even roomed together. The friend's name was Doris Lynch. Time

passed and the friend re-enlisted and was sent to Japan. After the war Doris attended the University of Mexico and the mystery woman used her GI Bill too to go to the University of Havana. Going their separate ways the two close friends lost contact with each other.

Through the years there were inquiries made of each other's whereabouts but to no avail . . . no information could be found out about the other, no way, no how. But in May of last year the friend found our mystery wo-

she couldn't wait to answer. The note also told of a WAC convention to be held where their friendship had begun in Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Phone calls were exchanged, pictures too, with more letters mailed and plans firmed where to meet, what to do and even to room again with each other at the convention.

Agreeing to meet at the baggage section of the airport with close flight arrivals, each wondered if she would recognize the other. But then the time came and instantly they knew each other, ran to each other and locked into an embrace remembering yesterday.

If you have a Yesterday's photo with some short facts send them to: Foggy Bottom News, c/o West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, for possible publication in The News. Enclose an evening phone number for verification and further information if needed. The photo will be returned if you write your name on the back with your return address and include enough postage for mailing.

Residential K Street Has A New Look

By Maria Tyler, Commissioner, ANC2A

Most Foggy Bottom residents will have noticed by now the disappearance of the unsightly yellow poles, which D.C. Department of Public Works installed in 1980 on the south side of the 2500 block of K Street to separate through traffic from the local service street next to the Claridge House. No funds were available then to provide for a median strip. Nine years later the poles have been replaced by a wide bricked median, which provides enough space for landscaping and a sidewalk connecting with the one at 26th and K Streets which will eventually extend to the Georgetown waterfront. In addition, there is a most welcome extension of the median strip all the way to the center of 25th Street to discourage illegal turns into the narrow local 25th Street, and to provide for a safer pedestrian crossing of K Street at the 25th Street intersection. The median and the landscaping are repeated on the north side of K Street, but without a sidewalk.

The tall Bradford pear trees are, of course, currently bare of leaves, but they are rapid growing trees, with attractive spring flowers and autumn colors, and a dense leaf structure from spring to late autumn. The cedar trees and lower barberry bushes are green throughout the year. Should any of the plantings not survive the cold winter (they were put in at the very end of the recommended planting season), D.C. DPW officials assure me that there is a one-year guarantee and they will be replaced. The landscaping should embellish this residential area of Foggy Bottom within the immediate proximity of the Foggy Bottom Historic District.

The result reflects a long pro-

cess of negotiations between a committee consisting of residents of K Street and nearby areas, and D.C. DPW. It was at times a laborious process — with inch by inch progress. But, with the patience of everyone involved, the results are indeed welcome. Our thanks go in particular to Mr. Gary Burch of D.C. DPW and his staff, who spent many hours with the community on the project, designing the median and deciding on the landscaping details. Mr. Burch was responsive to our concerns and recommendations, and we are especially grateful to him for his understanding of our wish to make our neighborhood a better place.



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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, January 29: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31: Concert by Daniel Ullman, pianist, performing four ballades by Chopin. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets, N.W., 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31: Piano recital by Amy Wang, pianist from Taiwan, performing works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Maurice Ravel, and Robert Schumann. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31: "El Muerto" (The Dead Man), 1975 feature film, in Spanish with English subtitles, based on the short story by Jorge Luis Borges about an ambitious bandit who joins a smuggling ring led by an aging leader. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6: Lecture, "Washington's Demography: Past, Present and Future," by Carl Halb, Director of Information and Education at Washington's Population Reference Bureau. Conservatory. The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Members free; non-members \$3.50. Reception at 6:00 p.m., lecture at 6:30.

Wednesday, February 7: Concert by the Capitol Ballet's Youth Corps de Ballet performing a "Salute to Black History Month." Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets, 12:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 10: Workshop on Preserving Family Papers, conducted by Margaret Burri,

MARTHA CLARA RODECK (continued from page 1)

she understood (I had a feeling that she would've understood everything that I said . . . with so many years of living to draw upon). I saw a silver tray she had won in a tennis match just to prove, she said, that she had played in tournaments. She added that the doctor had mentioned that all the sports which she had played and loved had probably contributed to her longevity, and even now she could go up and down stairs but

she had to hold onto the bannister.

Mrs. Rodeck and her husband, an engineer and inventor, had moved to this country in 1940 and had lived in Watertown, New York. After his death she moved to Foggy Bottom in 1968 to live with her daughter, an architect, now retired from the government.

Melita, the daughter, showed me a picture of the whole family together taken on her mother's 100th birthday. She had one son, Ernest, who lives

in Australia with his family and his family's family.

This is the third article that I have written on Mrs. Rodeck. One was cancelled when I heard of her death, one was written through tears as I cancelled out the first realizing she hadn't made it to 102 years old, and now this one celebrating her birthday, kind of anyway, by what she left me with in one short visit. Her advice on living was printed in the centenarian program . . . "Don't worry about anything, lead a good life,

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Unfortunately, Mrs. Doe had the sequence of events backwards and for the most part it could have been prevented. Mrs. Doe had actually broken her hip and then fallen down. Her x-rays showed that she suffered from an all-too-common disease called osteoporosis. Commonly affecting post-menopausal women, osteoporosis is a thinning of the bony matrix and loss of calcium due to the decrease in systemic estrogen and progesterone. This leaves the bones fragile and weak, subject to fracture on incidental trauma.

While the disease strikes nearly all white post-menopausal females, there are other risk factors.

pray and trust in the Lord." There is something in that quote for all of us as we celebrate our birthdays and the memory of others as well as Mrs. Rodeck.

Martha Clara Rodeck died January 6th at George Washington Hospital of a heart attack, one day before she was to celebrate her 102nd year on Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas when the Magi arrived to see and honor the Christ Child. Somehow I know she would have liked that.

tors. Body size, immobilization, lack of regular mild exercise, excessive alcohol consumption and administration of cortico-steroids (often prescribed for aching joints associated with this disease) can all contribute to this disorder.

Evidence indicates that a combination of estrogen and progesterone with calcium supplementation can reverse this process. An additional benefit is that progesterone therapy can reduce the risk of endometrial carcinoma (cancer of the uterus) and gives some protection against coronary artery disease.

Be careful in inclement weather, watch your step but more importantly protect yourself before the event occurs.

(Dr. David A. O'Brien is a chiropractor who studied in Toronto, Canada. He has recently begun practice in Washington D.C. at 2112 F Street (202/331-4247) and is one of the Foggy Bottom News' contributing writers.)

I will miss her wave and smile and twinkling eyes. But from her life, as from others, I will take it as a gift that I had met her at all, because she brightened a day of mine, and she will continue to do so for many more to come . . . just remembering.

Mrs. Rodeck was a member of St. Stephen's Parish where her funeral service was held with many friends in attendance.

—Betty Olsen

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PREVENTION

The best way to prevent hypothermia is to stay warm. If room temperatures are cool or cold, dress warmly. This is your strongest defense against hypothermia.

BE ALERT

Many things can increase the risk of becoming hypothermic.

- Living In A Cold House

- Alcohol
- Taking Certain Prescription Drugs
- Poor Diet
- Stroke Or Diabetes

FACTS ABOUT THE COLD

- Temperatures do not have to be below freezing for hypothermia to develop.
- Room temperatures below 70°F could be dangerous if you are not dressed warmly enough.
- One of the most dangerous things about hypothermia is that it causes your mind to become confused. This prevents you from recognizing the danger and seeking help.
- Many older adults die in their own homes without ever reaching the hospital because friends and relatives do not recognize that they have hypothermia until it is too late.

Treatment for Cold Weather Exposure

- Get the person into dry clothing and into a warm bed or sleeping bag with a "hot" water bottle (which should actually be only warm to the touch, not hot), warm towels, heating pad, or some other heat source.
- Concentrate heat on the trunk of the body first - that is, the shoulders, chest and stomach.
- Keep the head low and the feet up to get warm blood circulating to the head.
- Give the person warm drinks.
- Never give the person alcohol, sedatives, tranquilizers or pain relievers. They only slow down body processes even more.
- Keep the person quiet. Do not jostle, massage or rub.
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Foggy Bottom News

Sidewalk Talk

by Betty Olsen

Henrietta Zoltrow traveled to Guatemala with friends over the holidays, while Dr. Jeffrey Balter took his family for another time to Disney World. Balter said, "Florida surely didn't seem like Florida while we were there with the cold temperatures . . . we could've stayed in Washington for those." But ahhh, Jeffrey, you wouldn't have seen Mickey Mouse here . . . or would've you?

The Arts Club of Washington entertained during the holidays with a holiday brunch to which yours truly was invited and even sat at the head table with the Vice President, Walter Burns, Gregory and Kamer Davis-Wurz, Charles and Celia Hoke, Helen Knotlon, Mrs. Winnie Burns and Heather Burns, mother and daughter of Walter. Franklin King, chef of the Arts Club, did it proud with the food fare that day. Following the brunch Nancy Jackson, hostess, with daughter, Mary, entertained with others upstairs in a sitting room with the reading of Peter Pan for all to enjoy, especially the children . . . in us all.

Phil Robbins with wife, Pat, back from a sabbatical to resume heading the journalism department at GWU was in Peru, the land of the Incas, and Galapagos, land of Darwin. After South America they skied at Crested Butte in Colorado, N.A. before returning to D.C. Ahhhh, the air age when all locales are possible with the routing of your desires.

The Charles Puffenbargers entertained with an open house for the journalism students at GWU and a few neighbors in their town house on Eye Street. Saw Mark Vane, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, The Hatchet; John Spezzano, photo editor of the paper, talking to

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Presidential Suite overnight after the get-together. Wilson's running for the Chairmanship of the City Council this year.

Speaking of politicos saw Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey doing his own grocery shopping during the holiday season at the Watergate Safeway. He was really into it, must have shopped on an empty stomach.

Another thought about Mary Healy . . . her hand is coming along nicely in the recuperative stage after surgery. It was quite an operation, so I hear. Want to shake your hand when you're able, Mary, for your courage in this ordeal.

Kirsten Olsen was traveling up Rock Creek Parkway during the holidays when, all of a sudden, over the median came a set of antlers with a brown blob following them. Wham, into the side of the car, luckily, a gas guzzler of Channel 5's, in this case, since Olsen wonders what would have happened in her little white Hyundai. Talk about making an impression! When she looked in the rear view mirror to be sure what she had seen, A deer then jumped back to the other side of the median from whence he came, and disappeared into the Park. By the way, it was a bit early for a sleigh to be sighted. Ho Ho!

Saw in the real estate section of the Washington Post recently an article on Foggy Bottom with quotes from Richard Price, Ellie Becker and Elayne DeVito. Price is a former FBA president, and DeVito is now serving in that office, and Becker is the editor of the FBNews. (Hope you all saw it; we would like to reprint it but the Post charges \$25.00 for reprinting permission!)

Took a hop, skip and jump trip to Christmas at Williamsburg again this year. But this year it was truly a greeting card scenic Christmas at Williamsburg. With snow already on the ground and more flurrying, temperatures in the teens, the bonfires flaming and hot mulled cider being served up and down the Duke of Gloucester Street, it took on a whole different feel as the drum and fife corps paraded and the Christmas carolers sang. If you haven't been there, go next year and if

you have been go again and again. It's a memory to warm the cockles of your heart at Christmastime. For Williamsburg's schedule of events all year long call 800-HISTORY.

Mary Jasnoski is taking advantage of the Smithsonian Resident Associate program . . . at present she's taking part in the program of enchanting operas of Mozart. How about you taking part in these



programs too? Call Smithsonian for more information.

Marianne Smith, the Jazercise instructor who advertises in the News, journeyed to Chicago in November for an event called "Jazzer-Jam." It marked the 20th anniversary of the nationwide exercise program, and attracted over 6000 teachers and students. They met old friends, attended classes on nutrition, physiology, etc., etc., and did a bit of exercising, too. By the way, there is always a light side at Jazercise classes, meant for beginners, etc.

David Korman, nothing like the caretaker in *The Shining* whom Jack Nicholson portrayed, is the caretaker who lives in The Arts Club of Washington watching over all while others are away. Korman, a graduate of William and Mary, will graduate from law school at George Washington this May at which time another law student will move in and take care, or care-take, or whatever, of The Club.

Although an old world traveler, Rénee Melonson of Potomac Plaza Apts. recently had a unique experience in Monroe, Conn. while staying with friends. A personal tour of

the home of the famous demonologists, Ed & Lorraine Warren, was found to be fascinating; each room contains artifacts relating to their investigations of over 3500 cases of reported psychophenomena. The most celebrated of these are **The Amityville House** and **The Exorcist**. The Warrens are considered by many to be "America's Top Ghost Hunters." This experience proved to be spell-

binding, to say the least.

A belated welcome to transplanted Texans Barry and Susanna McBee who are fairly new residents of the 2500 block of Eye Street. Barry is a White House Fellow, and Susanna has joined one of D.C.'s many associations.

Missing from that same block will be Richard Nelson and his wife Roberta Mann, who have bought a house in Arlington. One advantage is more room for Woody, their frisky Sheltie.

Bob and Kathy Ramsey, formerly of The Griffin, had a baby boy whom they named Davis Lee. Hadn't seen them on the sidewalks of Foggy Bottom for awhile and Bob told me of their son's arrival and at the same time their departure to Ponte Vedra, Florida. He exclaimed, "Hate to leave Foggy Bottom but . . .!"

Recent deaths in Foggy Bottom were Germaine Huston who was featured in *Faces of Foggy Bottom* one time in the FB News. She was a long time resident of F Street and raised three daughters at that address; and John T. "Tommy" Henderson who lived on 22nd Street since before World War II and was the former owner of the Foggy Bottom Grocery.

Public Service Commission Hears C&P Request for Caller ID Service

The PSC held hearings in December on Caller ID, a service that would allow a subscribing customer to view the telephone number of the calling party on a special display. The number would be initially displayed while the phone is ringing. Private or unlisted numbers also would be displayed. The service would cost \$6.50 per month for residential customers and \$8.50 per month for business customers. The display units are estimated to cost between \$60 and \$80.

According to the Office of the People's Counsel, Caller ID has been approved by regulating bodies in five states, although the service is not yet available to consumers in all of those states. In California, a state where Caller ID is not in operation, the state legislature recently passed a bill which would permit Caller ID only if the telephone company offered a blocking device. The blocking device would enable the calling party to prevent the transmission of his or her number.

BENEFITS OF THE SERVICE

Advocates of Caller ID suggest the benefits the service offers include the following:

—Caller Disclosure: Currently, the called party has no information concerning the calling party until the caller identifies himself or herself. With Caller ID, the called party will know the originating phone number of the call prior to picking up the receiver, and can make a deci-



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sion to answer the call based on that information. By using Caller ID as a screening device, a called party may refuse to take any calls originating from unfamiliar or troublesome numbers.

—Assistance to Emergency Service Providers: Caller ID could assist police and fire departments in responding more quickly to emergencies. The emergency service provider would be able to obtain the telephone number (and location) of persons who are unable to provide this information.

—Deterrence of Crime: Caller

ID would deter and help detect burglars who call to determine whether a dwelling is unoccupied before breaking and entering. Also, the service could deter threatening, harassing or obscene phone calls if the calling party knew that his number could be transmitted by his call.

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

Opponents to Caller ID raise the following problems with the service:

—Privacy Concerns: The service would erode the legitimate expectations of privacy of telephone callers and forever change the way we use our telephones. Caller ID may be the first step toward a service which would transmit not only a phone number but also an address, social security number, race, religion, etc. Additionally, Caller ID may infringe upon the constitutional rights of callers, or violate wiretapping statutes.

—Unwanted Business Solicitations: Use of the phone for a simple business inquiry could expose callers to unwanted business solicitations. For example, a phone call to a business could put the caller's number on that company's solicitation list, and that business could in turn sell the number to telemarketers for use in numerous "junk" solicitations.

—Diminished Value of Non-Published Numbers: Caller ID

service would transmit even non-published numbers, thereby eliminating or substantially diminishing the privacy protections historically offered to private number and unlisted customers.

—Confidential Hotlines: Individuals may be less inclined to call for confidential assistance for drug, alcohol, or AIDS-related problems if that person believes his telephone number is being transmitted with the call. Also, Caller ID may dissuade victims of domestic abuse from seeking help because of the possibility that an abuser may determine the origin of return calls from crisis centers.

Alternatives to Caller ID?

—Caller ID could be offered only if a blocking device is in place which would allow the calling party to block the transmission of his or her number on a per call or subscription basis.

—The benefits of Caller ID can be obtained through other Custom Calling Services that are less intrusive to a caller's privacy. For example, obscene and abusive calls could be deterred by a new customer initiated Call Trace service which would send directly to the phone company the offending caller's number. The screening function of Caller ID could be replaced by Priority Call, which establishes a distinct audible signal to a customer when a call is received from one of up to six prespecified numbers.

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People in the News

Lynne Beauregard has been appointed Program Director of the National Women's Health Resource Center (NWHRC). In this position, Ms. Beauregard will initiate and develop health programs and services for the NWHRC, to be located adjacent to Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center. It will provide outpatient clinical and support services, and will be instrumental in enhancing research and educational programs for women and healthcare professional in the area and throughout the nation.

Ms. Beauregard brings to her new position a strong background in women's healthcare. She co-founded "The National Women's Health Report," a nationally circulated publication based in Washington, D.C., and has served as the editor of the newsletter for more than five years. She has also written many articles on women's health issues. Ms. Beauregard holds a bachelor's of arts degree from Georgetown University.

A Foggy Bottom resident has been appointed to help take the lead in shaping the health care, provided by the Group Health Association. **Olga Corey**, who lives on 26th Street, was named chair of the Committee on the Annual Assembly.

Group Health Association, founded in 1937 as a prepaid health care consumer cooperative, provides comprehensive medical care to over 148,000 members through ten medical centers in the Washington metropolitan area. One of its major facilities is in the 2100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.

The George Washington University Hospital was listed as one of "the most highly respected medical institutions in the U.S." in the November issue of *Town & Country*.

In addition, the October and November issues of *T&C* published a directory of "Outstanding Medical Specialists in the U.S.," which listed GWUMC

practitioners **Kenneth L. Becker, M.D.**, professor of medicine and of physiology, for his work as an endocrinologist; **Edward R. Laws, Jr., M.D.**, professor of neurological surgery and chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery; **Lawrence S. Lessin, M.D.**, professor of medicine and of pathology, for his work in anemia; **Allan M. Ross, M.D.**, professor of medicine and director of the Division of Cardiology; **Lee E. Smith, M.D.**, professor of surgery, for his work as a colon and rectal surgeon; and **Allan B. Weingold, M.D.**, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The magazine notes that the list of outstanding specialty practitioners was not developed as a who's who of doctors, but rather as a service to readers.

Jean Bolan, M.D., has joined the Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine of Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center as the Associate Director. Prior to joining the Columbia staff, Dr. Bolan held the position of Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at the Washington Hospital Center. Maternal Fetal Medicine focuses on the treatment of high-risk and complicated pregnancies.

Dr. Bolan received her medical degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in 1976. She completed her residency at Georgetown University Hospital and served as a fellow at George Washington University Medical Center.

She has served as a clinical assistant professor at Georgetown University Hospital and has written numerous articles on the issue of maternal fetal medicine which have been published in medical journals.

Also at Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center, **Amy Pryluck** has been appointed



Assistant Administrator for Planning and Marketing.

Prior to coming to Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center, Pryluck held the position of Senior Associate in the Planning Department of the Medlantic Management Corporation. Prior to Medlantic, she held the position of Vice President for Planning at White Plains Hospital Medical Center in White Plains, New York.

In her new position, Ms. Pryluck is responsible for the ongoing development and monitoring of Columbia's strategic/operational planning process, the Certificate of Need program, service development, marketing, and the Medical Center's Physician Enhancement Program. She also has administrative responsibility for the hospital's public affairs and development functions.

Physician/attorney **Peter P. Budetti** has been named the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Care Law at The George Washington University.

Budetti, who also will hold an appointment as a professor with

— That the Park Service would repair the damage to Washington Circle wrought by the feet of thousands of unthinking Metro commuters (and other thoughtless people). Nothing stops them from destroying grass, shrubs, fences, etc., leaving ugly muddy paths and gaping hedges in their wake. Is it possible to have some new paths, along with new, strong fences to deter them?

— That one evening, sometimes during 1990, one can walk through the Eye Street "Metro Mall," located between 23rd and 24th Streets, and find ALL the lights on. Is it time for GWU to look into another system to replace one which often leaves that important area in shadow? Wasn't there some kind of commitment to maintain that area entered into when the University acquired use of that stretch from the city?

— That the Pedas brothers would clean up the mess left by the demolition of the building at 22nd and Pennsylvania Avenue?

Seems it would not take more than an hour or so to pick up the bricks and other debris which now make that corner look like a slum. (This request was communicated in a polite way to one of the Pedas' attorneys some months ago.)

— That the IMF, which is purchasing the Western Presbyterian Church property, incorporate in its building plans a small facility to replace the site of Western's feeding program. It need not be large, could be somewhat cut off from IMF offices, but would be an important contribution to the city and the neighborhood. The downtown site is essential to those who come for Western's meal, close to transportation and to the center of the business district. It could then be available to the same needy people, and be operated by the same volunteers, including GWU students and employees of PEPCO just across the street. That may not be true if it is moved to 24th Street.

— *Ellie Becker*

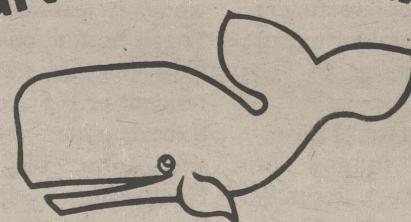
the University's National Law Center, will develop and teach graduate level courses in health care law and ethics as well as courses in public policy related to health care law.

In addition to his responsibilities as Hirsh professor of health care law, Budetti will develop a center for health policy research at GW.

Budetti currently serves as counsel for the Subcommittee

on Health and Environment for the U.S. House of Representatives. He is responsible for developing legislation and policies for many health issues including employment-based health insurance, the education of health professionals, the regulation of medical devices by the Food and Drug Administration, biomedical research and ethics, and medical malpractice and quality care.

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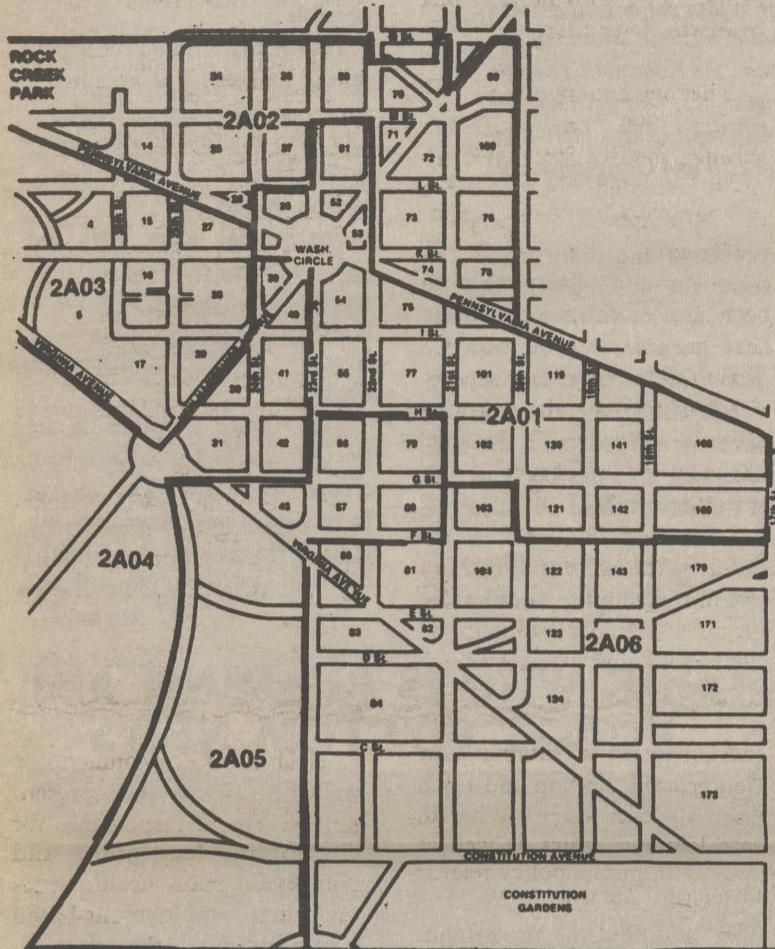
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"Interest in local history has greatly increased," says Jane W. North, the Society's Executive Director, "and we are responding with new initiatives through which Washingtonians can learn more about the rich heritage of this city. Not only is Washington the nation's capital, it is also a city with nearly 200 years of local tradition in its neighborhoods, businesses, schools, religious institutions, and voluntary associations," North pointed out.

The new semiannual magazine, *Washington History*, will bring readers highly illustrated articles, historical photo essays, and reviews of new books, films, videos, and exhibitions about Washington. It is the successor to the *Records* of the Columbia Historical Society, a series of 52 hardback volumes of articles about Washington history that the Society has published periodically since 1897. The magazine will continue the *Record's* tradition of scholarship in a more modern format as a benefit of membership in the Society. Single copies and institutional subscriptions are also available.

Volume I, Number 1, published during the summer, includes an article by Diane Skarla on tourism in 19th-century Washington and a photo essay by Jane Freundel Levey on the Scurlock Studio, which has photographed Washington's black community since 1904. Readers will also find an article on the development of Rock

Creek and Sligo Creek Parkways by Glenn S. Orlin, "Eat Anywhere!" a first hand account of the Thompson Restaurant case which desegregated Washington's restaurants, by Marvin Caplan, and a history of the Army War College which brought professionalism to military education by Benjamin Franklin Franklin Cooling.

The magazine, similar in size to *The National Geographic*, also offers 10 pages of critical reviews. The inaugural issue has been underwritten by the Kiplinger Foundation, Potomac Electric Power Company, the D.C. Community Humanities Council and First American Bank, N.A. with assistance from Ridgewell Caterers and Ritz Camera Centers.

Editor of the new magazine is Society President, Kathryn Smith, who also edited the Society's best-selling *Washington At Home: An Illustrated History of Neighborhoods in the Nation's Capital*, published last

June and now in its second printing. Smith is assisted by Associate Editors, Howard Gillette, Jr., Chairman of American Studies at George Washington University, and Jon L. Wakelyn, Chairman of the History Department at Catholic University, and Review Editor, Jane Freundel Levey, a journalist who has written for the *Washington Post*, *Washingtonian* and *Regardie's* magazines. The twelve-member editorial board includes well-known local historians and authors such as James M. Goode and Frederick Gutheim. The magazine is available for purchase in the Washingtoniana Bookstore of the historical society for \$6.50 per copy.

For additional information about the magazine, library and house museum hours, membership benefits, or adult and school programs please call The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. at (202) 785-2068.

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Labor Day Monday, September 3	Wednesday, September 5 & Friday, September 7
Columbus Day Monday, October 8	Wednesday, October 10 & Friday, October 12
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News Notes

Following are short writeups of recent events, some of which were reported in the press, which are about or concern Foggy Bottom.

FIRE HOUSE CLOSED

The fire station at 23rd & M Streets was closed temporarily this winter for removal of asbestos from the building. According to D.C. Fire Department spokesman Captain Ted Holmes, service is being provided from other stations such as the one on Lanier Place and our local one in the 2100 block of G Street, N.W. Holmes was not sure when the station would re-open.

FREEWAY PLANS OKAYED

By a vote of 5-4, the National Capital Planning Commission approved the city's plans to renovate the Whitehurst Freeway. This vote is apparently the last one needed, and work may begin on the project this summer. Debate over the plan and a suggested ground-level alternate has been going on for many months. The project is expected to take at least two years.

FRANCIS SCHOOL WON'T CLOSE

At a meeting in mid-January, parents of students at Francis Junior High School at 24th & N Street were assured the school would not be closed, as had been rumored. A report from a special task group caused speculation about the FB school's being closed and the land sold to developers. The parents were assured by School Board member David Hall that school closings would be on the

basis of under-capacity, physical state and program quality, not on property values.

WESTIN SOLD TO ANA

The Westin Hotel, at 24th and M Streets, N.W., has been purchased by All Nippon Airways of Japan. According to the *Washington Times*, the price was \$100 million, and it was the third U.S. hotel to be acquired by ANA. It was reported that the hotel's operation and employees will not be affected.

SLAYER GETS 35-LIFE

A sentence of 35 years to life was meted out to John Watson, who was convicted of robbing and fatally shooting the owner of Washington Circle Market. Watson was found guilty in July in the death of Mrs. Young H. Yoo just outside her store in June, 1988.

NO WATERGATE FOR CARR

Plans to acquire the Watergate complex have been dropped by the Oliver T. Carr Company, which has been negotiating with the owners for some months. Watergate is owned by the Bristol Coal Board Pension Fund.

JIMMY VS. DUMPSTERS

Jimmy Molinelli was the subject of a December article in the *City Paper*. Described was the latest of his activist campaigns — this time an effort to rid the city's sidewalks of trash dumpsters. His latest campaign was prompted by the dumpster on the sidewalk outside the School Without Walls at 2130 G Street, N.W.

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Washington's Restoration Areas: A Series

Foggy Bottom

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October 22, 1960

This is the second of a series of articles on the major intown residential areas of Washington in which private restoration activity has centered. The restoration movement has given new quality and character to four major well defined neighborhoods and scattered smaller sections. Main restoration areas today are Foggy Bottom, the Kalorama Triangle (dealt with in an article on August 27), Capitol Hill and Georgetown, where the local movement started more than 25 years ago. Articles on Capitol Hill and Georgetown will appear later in this section.

When a gas plant was built in Foggy Bottom in 1857, the fate of surrounding land was sealed for over 90 years. This was the gas house district in a distressingly unprepossessing part of town. The picture as recently as only eight years ago was of unbelievably miserable slums almost wholly occupied by poverty-ridden Negro families.

Today, in spite of plenty of

problems and more trouble to come, the old Foggy Bottom has been almost forgotten. Slums have been erased, the restoration neighborhood has turned into a showplace, land values have pyramidized, and the surrounding area has become one of the most talked-about in the city for desirable apartments and institutional buildings.

What brought about the

change? Did it just happen? Or was there leverage exerted that can help create other attractive new city neighborhoods?

Change Possible

Obviously, nothing much could have helped Foggy Bottom's quality while huge gas-storage tanks dominated the neighborhood. When the Washington Gas Light Co. converted to use of natural gas in 1947 and 1948, a dramatic change became possible.

Yet the firm had no success in selling its land. The area had a superb location but no local glamour. An auction in the Mayflower Hotel drew 200 persons, but no buyers.

For several years, the land just sat there, exciting little interest. In fact, most of the land is still sitting there, but its value is vastly changed and interest is blazing.

The change in value in the Bottom was brought about by a change in quality. The change in quality was achieved by the still little-understood neighborhood-restoration technique.

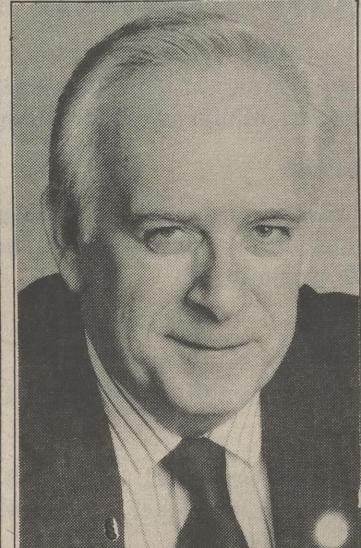
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This was the leverage exerted on the area. This is the lesson the Bottom can teach.

A Classic Handicap

A careful study of the course of events in Foggy Bottom since the first house was restored in 1952 is probably as enlightening as any available college course in the matter of what to do — and what not to do — if you want to help create an attractive new city neighborhood.

Any such study will show that the private restoration movement's main handicap has been a classic one: The uncertainties posed by Government activity.

The first encountered were doubts arising in the brief interval — midway in the redevelopment period — when Government urban-renewal control was an issue.

Whatever the merits of either side in this matter, it is obvious that urban renewal had no so great was the momentum of private restoration.

As it turned out, the work was so rapid that continued urban-renewal interest in the restoration area became difficult to justify, and was relinquished.

Another matter altogether, however, is the certain damage to be done by the tragic voracity for central-city land of the monstrous road-building juggernaut set in motion by the Federally aided highway program.

Under present plans, the west leg of the inner loop highway system is expected to devour almost a fourth of the restoration area within the next four or five years as the six and eight lane system careens southward towards the waterfront and the Lincoln Memorial.

At one time, plans for this system skirted the restoration area, and would have left it intact. A later change would have sliced it in two and probably completely destroyed most of what has been accomplished. The current route is expected to require razing of most — or all — homes in the part of the restoration area bounded by L street and Virginia avenue between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets.

The restoration area represents only a part of the section once known as Foggy Bottom. The extensive, though somewhat obscure, boundaries of the original area are credited with having extended east as far as the White House.

In the work of restoration, a start was made outside the present boundaries created by the Foggy Bottom Restoration Society. As set by this society, the boundary streets are Pennsylvania avenue on the north, Virginia avenue on the south, Twenty-fourth street on the east, and Twenty-seventh street on the west.

The first house restored, so far as this writer knows, was located at 2423 I street N.W. Benjamin D. Burch, a builder

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active in Georgetown, bought this house for restoration in January, 1952, as well as four others at 2218-24 Virginia avenue N.W. Subsequently, Mr. Burch restored about 20 more houses.

Later, Jonas Robitscher, a medical student at George Washington University and his wife, Jean, undertook to restore a large group of houses. Eleanor Dulles, a sister of the late Secretary of State Dulles, became active as a redeveloper of houses in Green's Court. Early builders, also, were Russell A. Elbridge and Lawrence N. Brandt.

Firm Played Role

An important factor in Mr. Burch's decision to start the ball rolling was the interest in the area of a real estate firm, Woodward & Norris, which has played a creative role throughout the redevelopment period.

In this respect, the initiation of Foggy Bottom restoration activity has differed from that in the three other major Washington areas, where projects by private individuals led to later commercial activity.

In the Bottom, the pioneers were Mr. Burch, the builder, and the brokerage firm which hoped that a successful movement could be started in the pattern of that begun in Georgetown in the 30s and on Capitol Hill in 1949.

Anyone who remembers the old Foggy Bottom must wonder



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at the extent of the transformation — even those who bought houses there five or six years ago. Could this ratty old derelict of a neighborhood ever be made over?

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by Genevieve German

Chicago's noonday sun was sizzling as I exited the intracity elevated train. The motorman has just been given the go-ahead signal by the simultaneous closing of the train's doors. As the train started lumbering, I walked slowly along the platform, bemoaning the intense heat of this thriving metropolis to which I was now a visitor but which had previously been "home" to me. My eyes were drawn to a young man who boldly reached through an open window of the slow-moving train and adroitly lifted a wallet out of a man's shirt pocket. The look on the man's face as he put his hand hurriedly to his pocket, jumped to his feet and rushed to the door only to find it closed and the train's attendant in a far-way coach, was one of utter frustration.

As the train gained momentum, I noted that many people had detrained here, all intent on their own activities and anxious to be about them as they swept down the stairway leading to the station and the street. All were oblivious to the events I had just witnessed. My eyes quickly reverted to the young culprit and I noticed that he now had an accomplice who had met him on the platform, having exited from a different car of the train.

I quickened my steps to be

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part of the crowd, as the two buddies slowed their steps to exit last on the stairway. In order to continue to my destination I had to use another mode of transportation located a block away and for which I had to time-stamp my transfer. Enroute to the transfer point, I was intending to stop at the corner bank to deposit a large sum of money which I was carrying in my purse. By the time I reached the time-stamp machine, all the other passengers had exited to the street. I could "feel" the presence of the two young men with the stolen wallet, who stood not five feet in back of me as they examined the contents of the wallet. In spite of the day's heat, I felt icy tingles play on my spine. My trembling hands too hurriedly tried, without success, to locate and insert my transfer in the tiny slot. As I fumbled, I could imagine a dozen switchblade thrusts in my back as I feverishly tried to force the transfer into the slot, and held onto my purse for dear life.

Finally, my sweat-filled eyes spied another stamp machine through a set of doors which led to the open station. This would put me in contact with others should I need help. I decided to report the stolen wallet to the first policeman I saw.

In the open station, with familiar signs of life all around me, my fear abated somewhat and I easily time-stamped the transfer. However, the event was not yet over. Before reaching the corner office building where the bank was located, I turned and saw the two thugs sauntering along as cool as cucumbers. I fairly ran into the building's side entrance and dashed into the waiting elevator to go to the bank floor. The elevator operator held the elevator and as I stood nervously waiting, my startled eyes flashed to

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the thief as he strolled nonchalantly into the waiting elevator. At that moment, I realized that this was a self-operating elevator and would have no attendant. I would be alone with the thief! As if pushed by a fleet of angels, I tore through the almost closed doors and dashed into a candy shop to regain my composure and my breath. I decided to walk to the bank floor only to discover that this was the one afternoon of the week that the bank was closed.

Still clutching my purse, I boarded a bus and saw a friendly-looking policeman at the next transfer stop. He smiled knowingly when I told him all the details and thanked me, adding that this sort of thing happened every day. I felt I had lived and suffered an eternity in that short time and had no idea if the young men had been watching me as I had observed their crime. Had I been followed into the self-operating elevator for ill-intent? Or was it mere coincidence? What had been a harrowing experience to me was a common occurrence to the policeman. As I mingled with the crowd again in the early afternoon sun, the incident took on a lesser dimension.

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CRIME REPORT & PREVENTION

By Lawrence G. Myslewski

CRIME REPORT: DECEMBER

For December 1989, the following crimes were reported in and around the Foggy Bottom residential neighborhoods:

Burglaries

11/30-12/1	2529 Pa Ave
12/1	2120 N St
12/2	2420 K St
12/10	2401 H St
12/11	911 Hughes Mews
12/19	510 21st St
12/20-25	601 24th St
12/24-25	2519 Pa Ave
12/26	950 25th St

12/19 500 Blk 23rd St
5:55am (gun)

Simple Assault

12/8	900 Blk 26th St 5:30pm (struck with hands)
12/19	2100 Blk M St 9:50pm (struck with fist)

Automobiles

2	cars stolen from streets
8	cars stolen from parking garages/lots
30	thefts of property from cars parked on streets
11	thefts of property from cars parked in garages/lots

While criminal activity overall is essentially unchanged, thefts of and from automobiles continue to be the most significant activity in our neighborhoods. Assaults and robberies have decreased slightly.

Be safe . . . and be on
WATCH!!!!!!

The Days Grow Short

Now that the daylight hours are decreasing, it's time to think about lighting the inside of your house. Common mistakes are using too few or too many lights in a room and choosing wattages that are too low or too bright and glaring. For example, to light a small living room or bedroom (under 150 square feet), the American Home Lighting Institute recommends using 3 to 5 incandescent bulbs with a total wattage of 150 to



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